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2. (Amended) A spindle motor for a disk driving device according to claim 1, wherein said super engineering plastic is selected from liquid crystal polymer (LCP), polyphenylene sulfide (PPS), polyethersulfon (PES) and polysulfon (PSF).

Please add claim 8 as follows:

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--8. A spindle motor for a disk driving device according to claim 1, wherein said spindle motor is for a removal type of disk drive (Zip).--

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been amended and claim 8 has been added.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the Amendment:

(a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed during prosecution; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are responsive to the new grounds for rejection.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Applicants note that neither an objection nor a rejection was made with regards to claim 5. Applicants thus assert that without an objection or rejection to claim 5, claim 5 includes allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nigam, U.S. Patent No. 5,675,452, in view of Fukaya, U.S. Patent No. 5,057,732. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants assert neither Nigam nor Fukaya, nor their combination, disclose or suggest Applicants' spindle motor with a housing wherein a center of the housing forms a